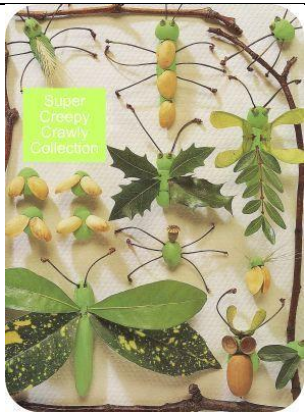


Monday



Dig through your backyards to create some creepy crawly leaf insects. You can use glue to keep them together or leave them natural so that you can always rearrange them. Create as many as you'd like and compare and contrast the insects. What is similar about them?, what is different?

Tuesday



Take a walk through your backyard, front yard, or neighborhood. As you are walking be on the look out for the perfect flowers! Once you've found them, pick them up and take them home, and then take them apart! Try putting the flower back together like a puzzle.

Wednesday



Create a flower crown fit for a king or queen. Use items from nature and a brown bag or construction paper as the base. Pretend that you are in charge of the castle. Create a story to tell to your siblings, or parents. Draw your story on a paper and continue the story the next day adding new details.

Thursday



Create a life sized insect using only sticks, rocks and leaves. Imagine that you are a scientist and discover this creature. How would you capture it, would you keep it as a pet, or be afraid?, Think of all the endless possibilities!

Friday



Create a nature collage using flowers, leaves, twigs, grass, just about anything you can find. Once you've finished your collage describe the attributes to a parent or sibling. What colors did you use and why? describe the sizes, and textures.

(challenge create one using only one color!)

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- awareness
- reasoning
- observational skills
- concentration
- eyesight
- sense of wonder
- cognitive abilities
- problem-solving

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